

## **Minutes for the January 26, 2022, Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting Held via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, Kevin Ryan, Syd Seale, and Dave Sutherland.

**Audience of Members:** Linda Blakesley presented a letter stating her resignation from the Board of Directors. She was thanked for her service and left the meeting. Board members will reach out to other Association members who had expressed interest in joining the board in the past to see if they are willing to fill the rest of Linda's term, which expires this fall.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November 10, 2021, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

**President's Report:** Eric Miller reported the following:

- Sincere thanks to those who helped out at the fall beach cleanup.
- A reminder that requests for kayak spaces for this summer must be received by May 1. Spaces are issued on a first-come, first-served basis and must be mailed as per the instructions on the GPA website.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Laura Young submitted a report showing an excellent collection rate of 96.29%. The Board expressed appreciation to Laura and to all GPA members who pay their taxes on time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Sutherland reported that current spending is on track. Lisa Catanese noted that members approved putting a total of \$2,000 for a shed into the budget, and that an 8' x 12.5' resin shed is available through Costco for \$1,750 plus tax. Board members unanimously approved the purchase of the shed and asks Lisa to order it.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Avery Shores Turnover:** John Petrovits reported that the town had 30 days to respond to the writ of mandamus but did not do so in that time period. The attorney representing the GPA will reach out to the town to inquire about it.

**Beach & Beautification:** No updates.

**Member Involvement Committee:** Eric Miller volunteered to take Linda Blakesley's place on the committee. Committee members said they would meet in March to plan this season's events. There also was some discussion about a GPA party on the frozen lake in upcoming weeks.

**Environmental:** No report.

**Fuel Oil Cooperative:** Ben Emanuele has organized two deliveries so far and was thanked for his excellent efforts.

**Website:** No updates.

**Welcome to GPA:** Lisa Lowell is planning to deliver one more basket and has the names of some additional new residents. She is searching for more supplies to create baskets for these new neighbors.

**Bylaws subcommittee:** On hold.

**GPA taxes subcommittee:** On hold.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Use of wetlands permit for the beach:** Thanks to Pam Cropley's efforts, we are permitted to pull sand back up onto the beach when the lake thaws; we just need to let the town know prior to doing it.

**Letter regarding trees next to the GPA park:** This letter was sent. Eric Miller said he had a discussion with the homeowner and was told the dead trees will be removed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Prep for spring:** The board set the following dates:

- Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 23 (rain date April 24) at 9:30am
- Annual Budget Meeting: Wednesday, June 15 (rain date June 16) at 6pm at the park

**Enforcement of members-only beach use:** Eric Miller showed samples of passes that could be hung from a rear-view mirror or put into a pocket to show that the individual is a GPA member. The estimated cost is \$600 or less. They could be numbered so any unwelcome behavior can be tracked to an address. The board agreed to include funding for this in the 2022-23 budget, to be presented to GPA members in June for their consideration.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.